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AS TO PUERTO RICO.

The case is a very simple one. The president made his recommendation last December to give Puerto Rico's products free access to our markets because he believed it was right and best, considering the condition of the island, and not because it was required by the constitution. He has not changed the view. If that were the sole principle involved, we are authorized to say, he would insist upon it though he stood alone. Since his recommendation, however, another principle has been invoked involving the most vital question connected with the whole matter of our new territorial possessions. The president believes that congress has the constitutional power to levy duties upon the products of the new territorial acquisitions.

This is denied, especially by Democrats. If they can prevent its assertion still more, if they can have such action by congress as denies its existence, then they can go to the country with the argument that the administration has, by its policy, acquired new populations unfitted for statehood yet claiming the rights of full citizenship and the right to inundate our markets with their products free from custom duty, thus impairing the value of our own labor by competition with the cheapest labor in the world.

The question, therefore, is not between a principle and an expediency. It is a question between two principles, one of them fundamental. It is between asserting one of them in the interest of Puerto Rico alone, or the other in the interest of the whole country now and hereafter. In the latter case any departure from the right constitutional principle cannot be rectified, and the damage done will be irreparable. Not a single step once taken, can be retraced. In the former case it will work no injury to the interests of Puerto Rico.

The island is today without revenue and the people are suffering. It has no government except a military one. It will be some time before any machinery for raising revenue can be put in operation. Meantime, Puerto Rico must be taken care of and enabled as rapidly as possible to furnish the revenues for its own expenses. By the bill which the house has passed, it is relieved from every other form of tax except this 15 per cent. of the existing tariff laid upon its products coming into the United States and the products of the United States entering Puerto Rican ports. Every dollar of this is turned back to its own use. The measure is for revenue and only temporary at that, and can be followed by free trade as soon as the great principle which recognizes the power of congress to legislate for these new territories is vindicated. The necessity of this interpretation of the constitution, after the debate in the house, is paramount, and is considered important to our success in the Philippines.

The principle of free trade recommended for Puerto Rico, and which the president evidently hopes in due time to see prevail, has, therefore yielded only for the time being to a more important principle. The necessity of the case and the honest difference of opinion which led to the new issue are frankly recognized. The president appreciates that he must to a large extent rely upon his own party in the administration of public affairs. He is bound to weigh against any personal triumph the demoralization and disorganization of his party in the legislative branch of the government, upon which he must depend. No greater calamity could happen than to have his party majority fall down on the very threshold of their consideration of these island questions. Under these circumstances, the president did what he thought was right and we believe that time will vindicate the wisdom of his course.—New York Mail and Express.

AS A MOUTHPIECE.

In its attempts to refute the statement of THE NEWS, that the Industrial Record published malicious, false statements relative to the section of country developed along the line of the El Paso & Northeastern railway, that paper offers to permit inspection of its files. Nothing could give THE NEWS greater satisfaction. Issues of the paper particularly referred to were brought out during the Jarilla placer excitement. The Record was industriously booming other sections of the country at that time and did not believe the reports about the Jarilla and stated that it did not believe them. It also re-published articles concerning the Jarilla mines. A short time later, the Record desired to get out a special edition and sent a man out to see this country. He went to Jarilla

and there watched the placer operations. His articles were very amusing to Messrs. Bates, Harris and others, who were getting out the gold. He rushed around the camp like a wild man, and could not be too enthusiastic over his observations. A splendid article followed. Then a notice was given in Alamogordo by a Record representative. In the Record special edition the resources of this country were eloquently set forth, and of course the Record desired the railroad to take copies of the paper in return for it. The Record had a perfect right to ask for a contribution, and the paper was worthy enough to warrant it. Now, in all fairness, THE NEWS desires to ask why ANY El Paso newspaper should at any time print a word derogatory to this country, or even re-publish derogatory articles? To show the difference between the standard newspapers of New Mexico, and the ones which considered adverse reports about Captain matters of news, published in El Paso. THE NEWS desires to state that the only paper in New Mexico which gave credence to the Eagle report was the Albuquerque Citizen, which paper also published a refutation of the reports as soon as it ascertained the truth, and also liberally made many favorable editorial comments on the resources of this country. The Journal-Democrat paid no attention to it, the exchange editor doubtless considering that the reports emanated from an entirely unworthy and unreliable source. The editor of the Santa Fe New Mexican not only refused to republish it, but also refused to publish correspondence on the matter from White Oaks, sending it instead, to the editor of THE NEWS, and requesting him to furnish an article on the subject, believing him better qualified to make a statement than a few discharged miners or someone whose motives were directed by personal animus against the Eddys.

The Times was the only El Paso newspaper that said nothing about it. It would have cost the El Paso papers twenty-five cents to wire Superintendent Wells and ascertain that there was not a word of truth in the White Oaks Eagle articles. And I would have been policy and good newspaper management to have done so. It seems, though, that they were looking for something to publish or re-publish of that nature.

THE NEWS wonders if the El Paso newspapers realize what the statements of that Jim-crow, nondescript sheet in White Oaks, cost the New Mexico Railway & Coal company and the people of this section. No less than twenty-five stockholders immediately left their businesses in the east and made a trip to this country to look after their interests. Experts were hired to pass their opinion on the coal measures and their permanency, and to verify or contradict the statements made through the press. Some of the best coal men of Pennsylvania visited the fields and passed their judgment. Work did not stop at the mines after the publication of the article. In fact, the forces have been constantly increased since then, as fast as working room could be obtained for miners. The coal shipments stamp the articles as lies, and so has every intelligent coal operator and expert that has visited the field. THE NEWS remarked two weeks ago, "thank God, the resources of this country have been developed without the assistance of the Record, Eagle and Herald," and when it reviews these matters in toto, it has double reason to be thankful. Suppose the papers had been able, through their "knocking" and disregard of newspaper courtesy, to cause the eastern stockholders to lose confidence in their investments. It meant the collapse of the well laid and well executed plans of the Eddy brothers, the laying to waste of a great commonwealth that has been built up through their efforts in the past two years, and the total ruination of 2,000 business men, laborers and homeseekers. Many people here have invested their all in business enterprises or in homes, and they resent any yellow journalism that has a tendency to cause eastern capitalists to lose confidence in the resources of the country. They do not want their business ruined and their families left without food. They have shown their confidence in the country by putting every dollar that they possess in some enterprise or other, and they expect to rise in the course of time through their labors, provided the capitalists who have also invested here, assist the country to a solid footing.

Probably \$5,000 would not cover the money spent by stock holders to ascertain if the coal fields were really all right, and that expenditure was induced by a one-horse newspaper that is not worth 25 cents.

And at the time the Record published the disparaging articles concerning the Jarilla, the people here were decidedly on the anxious seat. The lumber business, coal fields, Jarilla mines, agriculture and fruit industries, were all in rude shape, but in process of development. The success of any one of these matters meant the success of the whole section, and on their success rested the fate of Alamogordo and its residents. Is it any wonder that THE NEWS watched the course of every other newspaper and treasured up their scorings or compliments? Any one industry in successful operation was sufficient to secure the success of this little city, and the failure of one might mean the collapse of the country.

THE NEWS also noted, with surprise, that El Paso newspapers were liberally treated in the matter of advertising patronage. In fact, they were frequently given advertising and THE NEWS was overlooked. When THE NEWS is patronized it feels grateful and does not overlook the personal interests of any of its patrons. Nothing derogatory to their interests will ever appear in its columns, especially when those patrons are the mainstay of the country in

which THE NEWS is establishing itself. THE NEWS company alone has invested \$4,000 in Alamogordo, and is ready to fight any newspaper that says Alamogordo is not the best place that was ever marked on a map. When other newspapers cannot say a good word for Alamogordo unless they are paid for it, THE NEWS is of the opinion that they are blackmailers, pure and simple, for no newspaper can truthfully say a word against the country.

El Paso has benefited greatly by the building of the El Paso & Northeastern, and yet it has not contributed to that building. It has always received a revenue from it. It is the duty of every El Paso newspaper to boost for this section to the best of its ability. The section is established on a stable basis, and the residents of Alamogordo are content to see it in the position of "tributary to El Paso" (which it will always be)—literally dumping its wealth at the feet of that goddess of commerce. There is no feeling, except of the heartiest good will between Alamogordo and El Paso business men. Why should not all El Paso newspapers realize this, and profit by the realization, absolutely refusing to recognize the malicious slanders, blackmailing schemes, and contemptible lies published by newspapers that feel sore because they have been unable to "work" the Eddys?

THE NEWS does not object to being called the "mouthpiece of the Eddys." In fact, it wishes that the Eddy brothers would consider the paper in that light, but they don't. THE NEWS is the mouthpiece of every man, woman and child in this section. It is the mouthpiece of every industry and every natural resource that the section boasts of. This is the home of THE NEWS and it is proud to have such a beautiful, progressive and promising domicile.

It is not the intention of THE NEWS to reply to the Record's "roast." Puerile attempts to say dirty things about a contemporary do not constitute argument. The Record editor is not so immaculate. In fact, almost any newspaper man in the country could "literally skin him alive." It is merely the desire of THE NEWS to inform its El Paso brethren a thing or two about what it considers decent journalism and what it believes is their duty when the resources of Otero county are being discussed by alleged newspapers with axes to grind or a hand outstretched for contributions.

An election for municipal officers will be held in Cuba some time in May, after which the government of the town there will be turned over to the Cubans exclusively and all United States officers now engaged in administering them will be recalled. As this is something in the nature of an experiment, General Wood and the higher military officers will remain in general control until after it has proved a success. The Cuban census is now being rapidly tabulated and its results will soon be available for practical purposes. By April 11 the Spaniards in the islands must decide whether they will retain their citizenship in Spain or will become subjects of the new republic, so that the basis of government will soon be settled. In the elections, the old Spanish qualifications for voters will be observed by restricting suffrage to those who can read and write and who pay taxes, except that in the cases of soldiers of the revolutionary army, these qualifications will be waived.

THE House committee on commerce has favorably reported a bill enlarging the powers of the Department of Agriculture in dealing with birds and prohibiting the transportation by interstate commerce of game killed out of season. Under the bill the department will be enabled to attempt to restore birds which have been exterminated in certain localities and to introduce new species. State game laws will also be supplemented. Their regulations are at present evaded by the pot hunter, and deer, antelope, prairie chickens, grouse, quail and all kinds of game are shipped concealed by various methods to other states, where they are sold in the open market, and as they were not killed in the state, the state laws do not meet the case. The bill goes to the root of this matter by forbidding interstate commerce in such animals and birds when killed or caught in violation of local laws.

ASIDE from Alamogordo, Roswell is the most progressive city in New Mexico. Recently bonds were voted for a \$25,000 school house, and now a resident of the city has provided the funds for erecting a brick plant that will turn out 30,000 brick and 30,000 tiles per day, a \$25,000 sewerage system is going in, electric light plant and water system are being placed, \$5,000 worth of improvements are being made on the streets, several new business blocks are going up, and the prospects of a new railway are good. Alamogordo is ahead of Roswell in some things and behind it in others. It is a neck and neck race and Alamogordo has got to hustle to keep out of the sage brush. Fire the fossil finds and fogs off the brake-beams and put the croakers off at the next station, and let the prosperity express whirl Alamogordo into a glorious future!

CONSUL GRIFFITH, of Matamoros, writes to the state department: "The colonization law of Mexico allows free entry of the effects of intending settlers only to persons who have acquired the legal character and status of colonists, and who come as such to settle in some colony established by authority of a concession granted by the Federal Government. I make this suggestion, inasmuch as within the last two years several companies, with all their household effects, implements, horses, stock, etc., have driven from various sections of the central states to the Rio Grande intending to cross over and locate in Mexico. In

all these cases, they have either acted under the instructions of bandit leaders, or have expected the representative of the United States to arrange matters satisfactorily for them upon their arrival at the border."

THE Japanese minister of finance has solved a great mystery. In 1898 a committee composed of representatives of the Populistic and "Silver Republican" party went to Japan for the purpose of reporting to the people of the United States upon the workings of the gold standard in that country, but somehow their report was never heard of. Now the Japanese minister of finance comes to the front with an elaborate official report in which he says the gold standard has been of great advantage to all classes in Japan, which fact may account for the failure of the self appointed commission of American patriots to find material with which to report against the gold standard.

THE War Department has found a means of escape from the necessity which apparently confronted it of deciding at this time whether a state of war exists in the Philippines. The question was brought forward by the applications of a number of enlisted men to purchase their discharge. The applications having been referred to the judge advocate General, the latter declared that the law relative to the purchase of discharges was not mandatory but discretionary. The secretary of war "may" in time of peace discharge a soldier who wishes to purchase his discharge.

It is unfortunate that the finance committee of the Senate should have allowed itself to be persuaded to report an amendment to the currency bill favoring the played out scheme of international bimetalism. Of course, we all understand that it was drawn to conciliate certain senators with silver leanings, but it is obviously mere verbiage, not expected to come to anything. Its only effect will be to encourage foreigners to believe that the United States might possibly return to silver.

SENATE and house committees have both reported that Arizona, New Mexico, Porto Rico, and all the other possessions of the United States are not included in the United States and are entitled only to such rights as congress may see fit to allow. This, though somewhat startling, is obviously the only correct position to take in view of the changed conditions that confront us. congress may be trusted to do full justice to all these as an act of grace, although none of them can claim it as one of right.

SECRETARY HAY is making a wonderful record for himself. First the "open door," and now the canal treaty, which clears away the last difficulty in the way of the construction of that great waterway by the United States. These two triumphs will stand in history by the side of the achievements of any other secretary of state this country has ever had as such. Their effect will be felt for all time and they may quite possibly make Mr. Hay, President in a few years.

ANY lie that Aguinaldo chooses to utter seems to find a vantage point in the United States senate who will ask to have it printed. But when Admiral Dewey brands it as a lie, in whole and in part, the country will approve of the efforts of the other senators to prevent its being served up at government expense.

ABOUT 60 per cent of all the agricultural products of the United States find a market in Great Britain. One would think that this would form a strong bond of sympathy between the two nations. Germany, which comes next in point of importance, buys only one fifth as much from us England does.

WHAT the President is really looking for is another Leonard Wood to put in charge of the Philippines. But such men do not grow on every bush, and it has therefore become necessary to send an other commissioner out to do the work which could better be done by one good man.

GOVERNOR LEAHY of Guam, wants a library. He should certainly have one. It is too bad to leave such an up-to-date community as he has created in that island with nothing more than a file of last year's yellow journals.

SENATOR MASON has so far regretted his inability to accept any of the numerous invitations to resign, sent to him.

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